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- 1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.
- 2. SUMMARY. A/S JOHN SHATTUCK, DAS BRUNSON MCKINLEY, AMBASSADOR RAWSON AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT

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JUDITH KAUFMANN, ALONG WITH AMBASSADOR CARSON, MET WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI FOR AN HOUR ON THE EVENING OF MAY 6 TO DISCUSS APPROACHES TO RESOLVING THE ISSUES THAT PROLONG THE FIGHTING AND KILLING OF CIVILIANS IN RWANDA. MUSEVENI STRESSED THREE POINTS THAT HE BELIEVES MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY AGREEMENT ON RWANDA: 1) A COMMISSION OF INQUIRY MUST BE ESTABLISHED TO DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITY FOR VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS; 2) A REGIONAL MEETING SHOULD BE SET UP WHICH MUST INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM BOTH SIDES IN RWANDA; AND 3) AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED WITH SPECIFIC AND LIMITED GOALS, AND ADEQUATE AUTHORITY AND EQUIPMENT TO MEET THOSE GOALS. A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON CERTAIN ASPECTS

OF THESE POINTS WILL BE ISSUED ON MAY 7. TEXT WILL

BE REPORTED SEPTEL. END SUMMARY.

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3. ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK, DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY BRUNSON MCKINLEY, AMBASSADOR
RAWSON AND SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ASSISTANT
SECRETARY JUDITH KAUFMANN MET WITH PRESIDENT MUSEVENI
FOR AN HOUR THE EVENING OF MAY 6. ALSO ATTENDING ON
THE AMERICAN SIDE WERE AMBASSADOR CARSON AND ECONOFF
BERG (NOTETAKER). FOREIGN MINISTER SSEMOGERERE,
DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER AGARD DIDI, AND VARIOUS
OFFICIALS FROM THE FOREIGN MINISTRY AND PROTOCOL
ATTENDED ON THE UGANDAN SIDE.

- 4. ASSISTANT SECRETARY JOHN SHATTUCK OPENED THE DISCUSSION BY DESCRIBING U.S. EFFORTS TO CONFER WITH REGIONAL LEADERS TO SEE WHAT CAN BE DONE TO STOP THE SLAUGHTER IN RWANDA. HE PRAISED PRESIDENT MUSEVENI'S EFFORTS TO BRING VARIOUS PARTICIPANTS TOGETHER TO WORK FOR A CEASE FIRE AND MUSEVENI'S FIVE POINT PLAN. A/S SHATTUCK DETAILED U.S. ACTIVITIES DESIGNED TO PROTECT CIVILIANS AND REFUGEES, INCLUDING U.S. HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE COMMITMENTS, AND U.S. EFFORTS TO GET A UN SECURITY COUNCIL ARMS EMBARGO RESOLUTION.
- 5. PRESIDENT MUSEVENI RESPONDED BY EXPLAINING WHAT HE SEES TO BE THE WEAKNESSES IN HOW THINGS ARE BEING

HAMDLED. FIRST, HE BELIEVES THAT THE PROBLEM IS BEING APPROACHED IN A SHALLOW WAY -- IN THE PRESENT RATHER THAN ADDRESSING THE SOURCES OF THE PROBLEM WHICH HE SEES AS SOCIAL PROBLEMS THAT TURNED INTO ETHNIC PROBLEMS BY MISHANDLING AND THE LACK OF PROSECUTION OF THOSE WHO WERE IN THE WRONG IN THB PAST. SECOND, MUSEVENI SEES THE DISENFRANCHISEMENT CONFIDENTIAL

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OF A HUGE SECTION OF THE RWANDAN POPULATION (THOSE
WHO LIVED OUTSIDE RWANDA FOR AS MUCH AS 30 YEARS AS
REFUGEES IN UGANDA) AS BEING A CAUSE OF THE CURRENT
DIFFICULTY. HE NOTED THAT IN 1959, AS NOW, SOCIAL
INEQUALITY WAS FOLLOWED BY GENOCIDE.

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8. MUSEVENI INSISTS THAT A LEGAL METHOD FOR PUNISHING THOSE RESPONSIBLE MUST BE INCLUDED IN ANY AGREEMENT AND THAT THOSE RESPONSIBLE MUST NOT BE

ALLOWED TO PARTICIPATE IN A FUTURE GOVERNMENT. BASED ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH MWINYI, MUSEVENI LEARNED THAT THE CURRENT DRAFT AGREEMENT DOES NOT INCLUDE SETTING UP A MECHANISM TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE. HE STRESSED THAT THE INSTABILITY OF THE CURRENT SITUATION CANNOT BE MUFFLED UNDER A CEASE FIRE -- IT IS ESSENTIAL TO RESTORE BASIC STABILITY BY ASSURING THAT THE TERRORIST ACTION AND THE GENOCIDE WILL BE INVESTIGATED.

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LO. A/S SHATTUCK AGREED THAT THOSE WHO ARE DIRECTING VIOLENCE AGAINST CIVILIANS MUST BE IDENTIFIED, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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PAGE 03 KAMPAL 03639 02 OF 03 071228Z MENTIONED THAT THERE ARE MODELS SUCH AS THE TRUTH COMMISSION IN EL SALVADOR WHICH COULD BE USED. WITHOUT THIS KIND OF INVESTIGATION, A CESSATION OF HOSTILITIES IS DIFFICULT.

11. A MISSION TO INVESTIGATE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN RWANDA, WHICH WOULD BE AM IMPORTANT FORUM FOR BRINGING THE ATTENTION OF THE WORLD TO THOSE HUMAM RIGHTS ABUSES, WILL BE DISCUSSED IN A/S SHATTUCK'S CONSULTATIONS WITH UN HUMAN RIGHTS HIGH COMMISSIONER AYALA LASSO IN GENEVA. A/S SHATTUCK ALSO NOTED THAT THERE IS GROWING INTEREST IM A UNHRC SPECIAL SESSION ON RWANDA.

THE NEED FOR A REGIONAL SUMMIT

12. MUSEVENI INSISTS THAT A REGIONAL MEETING IS ESSENTIAL AND THAT THE CURRENT SYSTEM OF SHUTTLING BETWEEN LOCATIONS FOR MEETINGS WHICH DO NOT INCLUDE BOTH SIDES CAM NEVER BRING ABOUT AN AGREEMENT. IN ATTEMPTING TO FIND A SOLUTION, ALL SIDES, HUTU AND TUTSI, RPF AND GOR, MUST BE PRESENT. HE FEELS THAT A REGIONAL MEETING SHOULD BE BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH THE FACILITATOR AT ARUSHA, PRESIDENT MWINYI. MUSEVENI

SAID THAT THE "MEDIATOR," PRESIDENT MOBUTU, MUST LET THE "FACILITATOR," MWINYI, DO HIS JOB, BUT THAT THE MEDIATOR WILL NOT LEAVE MWINYI ALONE. MUSEVENI PROMISED TO WORK WITH THE RPF, WHO HE DESCRIBED AS "RIGID THESE DAYS," TO ATTEND.

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13. A/S SHATTUCK REQUESTED PRESIDENT MUSEVENI TO
PUSH THE RPF TO GET THEM TO COME TO A REGIONAL
SUMMIT, AMD STRESSED THE POSITIVE EFFECT AM IMMEDIATE
CEASE FIRE WOULD HAVE ON ANY POTENTIAL SUMMIT. THERE
IS A CHANCE TO USE THE OUTCOME OF THE RECENT ARU8HA
MEETING AS A WAY OF WORKING AT THE FIELD COMMANDER
LEVEL TO ACHIEVE A CEASE FIRE.

INTERNATIONAL INTERVENTION

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ITSELF TO BE	INTERNATIONAL, DIMENSION MUST NOT ALLOW USED TO PREVENT INTERNAL RECONCILIATION

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AMONG THE VARIOUS GROUPS.

15. MUSEVENI STATED THAT INTERNATIONAL AIMS SHOULD BE 1) HUMANITARIAN, AND 2) TO PROMOTE DIALOGUE AMONG THE GROUPS INVOLVED. ANY INTERNATIONAL PRESENCE SHOULD NOT ATTEMPT TO GOVERM OR IMPOSE AUTHORITY, AS OCCURRED IN SOMALIA, AND MUST BE LIMITED SPECIFICALLY

TO HUMANITARIAN EFFORTS, INCLUDING RESCUING CIVILIANS, AND PROMOTING DIALOGUE. MUSEVENI ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE EFFORT SHOULD NOT BE INDEFINITY, BUT SHOULD HAVE A FIXED TIME LIMIT, SAY, SIX MONTHS.

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- 16. IN ADDITION TO A SPECIFIC AMD CAREFULLY DEFINED GOAL, PRESIDENT MUSEVENI SAID THE INTERNATIONAL FORCE MUST HAVE THE EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE THAT GOAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IF THE FORCE IS TO EVACUATE REFUGEES, ANYONE STOPPING THE EFFORT TO EVACUATE MUST BE OPPOSED WITH SUBSTANTIAL FORCE. IF THE USE OF MILITARY FORCE IS TOO LOOSELY DEFINED OR TOO AMBITIOUS, IT WILL DISCREDIT THE INTERNATIONAL EFFORT; IF TARGETS ARE LIMITED, CHANCES OF MAKING MISTAKES ARE FEWER.
- 17. THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY NOTED THAT THE U.S. CONFIDENTIAL

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CONCEPT FOR SUCH A PRESENCE IS UNDER DISCUSSION, BUT
MIGHT INVOLVE PROTECTING REFUGEES AND HUMAMITARIAN
EFFORTS IN THE BORDER AREAS, AND EVACUATING UNARMED
CIVILIANS THREATENED BY VIOLENCE TARGETTED AGAINST
THEM. THE GOALS OF AN INTERNATIONAL MISSION MUST BE
HUMANITARIAN AND MUST HAVE AUTHORITY TO ACHIEVE THE
DEFINED MISSION, BUT NOT TO EFFECT GOVERNANCE.

JOINT COMMUNIQUE

18. A/S SHATTUCK PROPOSED THAT HE AND THE PRESIDENT ISSUE A JOINT COMMUNIQUE OR STATEMENT AS A VALUABLE PUBLIC DECLARATION. THE COMMUNIQUE WAS ISSUED MAY 7, AND IS BEING REPORTED SEPTEL.

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